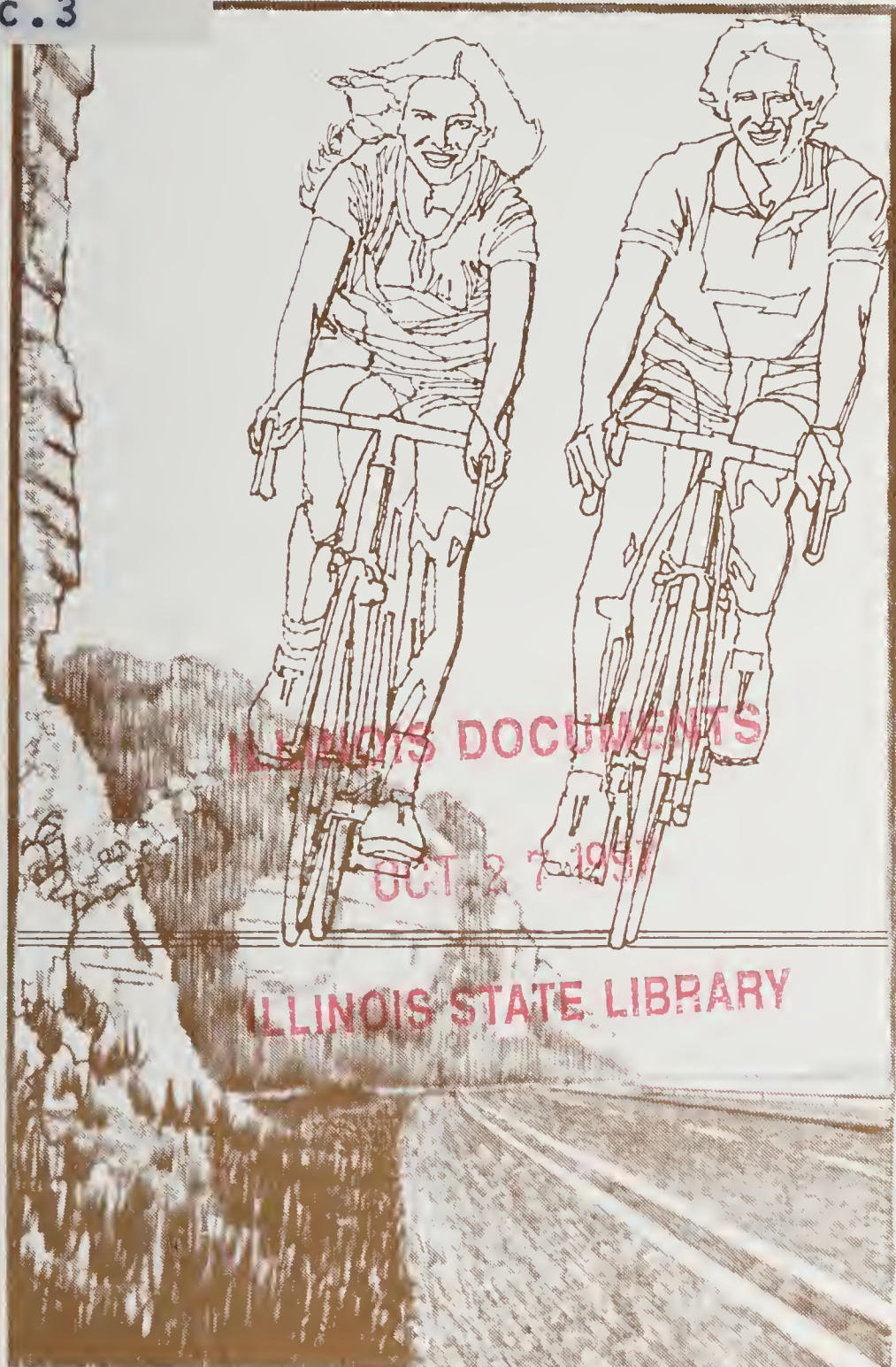


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Great River Road Bikeway

Alton to Grafton, Illinois

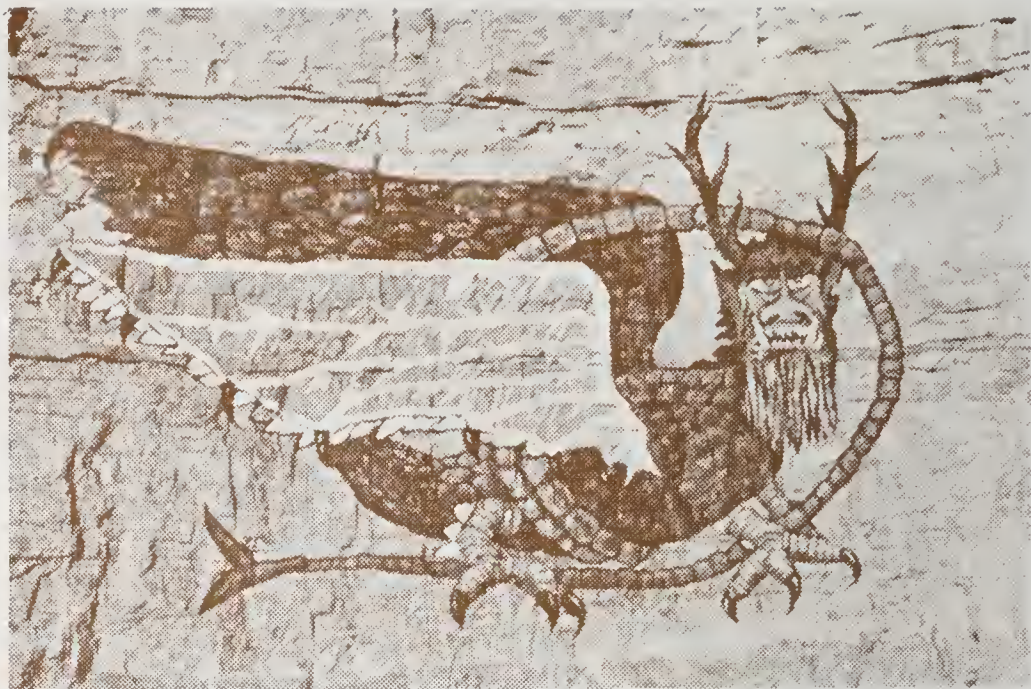
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The "Piasa" pictograph, originally painted by early Indians, was first seen by Marquette and Joliet in 1673.



Fish and boat on the Mississippi River.



Cyclists ride at the base of the spectacular, wind sculptured limestone bluffs.



The quaint village of "Elsah" preserves its early 1800's architecture in tranquil surroundings.



6000 acre Pere Marquette State Park near Grafton offers the cyclist scenic trails, camping, picnicing, and a lodge.



The bikeway is near Lock and Dam 26 at Alton, Illinois.

Enjoy the Great River Road Bikeway

Parking: There is parking at the City Boat Launch in Grafton and fenced parking near Alton.

Illinois invites you to cycle the Great River Road Bikeway. Widening north from the historic river port of Alton, the fourteen mile bikeway is flanked on the east by towering limestone bluffs and on the west by the mighty Mississippi River.

The northern section of the bikeway follows the wide paved shoulders of the McAdams Parkway to Grafton, near beautiful Pere Marquette State Park. The southern section is a separate paved path built on an abandoned railroad line at the base of the bluffs.

The trip offers spectacular views of river traffic. Powerful Mississippi tow boats push barge loads of ore, grain, and coal from the midwest to the Gulf of Mexico.

There are auto parking areas along and at each end of the bikeway for the convenience of visiting cyclists.

For information about accommodations and attractions in the area, contact

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